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NEW YORK BERRY PRODUCTION DECREASES

Strawberry production in New York was down 2 percent from 2008 to 4.40 million pounds, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The value of utilized production is estimated at \$9.02 million, up 21 percent from the \$7.43 million in 2008. New York ranks ninth in strawberry production. Nationally, the strawberry crop for 2009 was placed at 2.80 billion pounds, up 11 percent from 2008.

Production of blueberries for the Empire State was at 2.40 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2008. The 2009 crop is valued at \$4.56 million, an 11 percent increase from \$4.11 million last year. The U.S. estimate for blueberries is 364 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2008.

Total raspberry production in New York was 1.50 million pounds in 2009, down 17 percent from 2008. The raspberry crop is valued at \$4.05 million, a 3 percent increase from last year.

New York's berry crop had a combined total value of \$17.6 million. This value is up 14 percent from the \$15.5 million in 2008. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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